

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. I cannot believe this is happening in America.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. It is positively Orwellian to think that a person or organization in our country can control what our citizens hear and see with no counterbalance in place.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Thank God that public radio and television still exist though I am concerned for their future as well.